

CITY OF WESTMINSTER
GENERAL PURPOSES URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2002

At a meeting of the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 20 February 2002 at 5.45pm at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1.

Present: Councillors: Robert Davis
Gillian Rees-Mogg
Antony Mothersdale

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

3.1 That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2001 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. DESIGNATING A DRINKING CONTROL AREA IN VICTORIA AND ITS ENVIRONS (See report of the Director of Social & Community Services and the Director of Planning & Transportation)

4.1 The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the matter was urgent in order to allow the initiative to commence in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the making of the City of Westminster (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) (Victoria) Designation Order 2002 be approved.
- (ii) That the Director of Legal & Administrative Services be authorised to affix the Common Seal to the Order.

5. 8th LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILL AND LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES & TRANSPORT FOR LONDON BILL (See report of the Director of Legal & Administrative Services)

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the matter was urgent in view of the need for the Council to pass a resolution before the promotion of the Bills could be progressed in Parliament.
- 5.2 Donal Kerrigan, the Deputy Director of Legal & Administrative Services, explained that the resolution required a majority of the Council (i.e. 31 members) to vote in favour.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council be recommended to resolve:
"That the Resolution of this Council passed at a Meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2001 to promote a Bill in the present parliament, pursuant to which the Bills intituled "A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for related purposes" and "A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London and upon Transport for London; and for related purposes" have been deposited in Parliament, be and the same is hereby confirmed."

6. CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: MAY 2002 (See report of the Director of Legal & Administrative Services)

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the matter was urgent, as the detailed arrangements for the electoral pilots needed to be finalised for approval of the arrangements and funding by the Department of Transport, Local Government and Regions (DTLR).
- 6.2 The Sub-Committee discussed the three potential suppliers of equipment for the electronic count, the financial contribution to be requested of the DTLR to the pilot and the availability of an adequate number of staff to conduct any manual recounts that may be necessary.
- 6.3 Nigel Tonkin, Head of Administrative Services, circulated copies of a map setting out the location of the polling stations for the May 2002 election.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the supplier of the electronic count equipment be DRS.
- (ii) That Officers be authorised to conclude the detailed arrangements, any changes required to regulations and the final costings with the preferred supplier for submission to and approval by the DTLR.
- (iii) That three teams of staff be available to conduct any manual recounts that may be necessary.

(iv) That the remainder of the report be noted.

7. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

7.1 RESOLVED:

- (i) That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below:-

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Grounds</u>	<u>Para of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act</u>
9	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the Authority)	7

8. CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: MAY 2002

RESOLVED:

- 8.1 (i) That the additional financial implications be noted.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 9.1 The meeting ended at 6.09pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____